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SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Kindly amend paragraph [022] on page 6 as follows:

[022] A suitable wire bending device 40 is disclosed in a U.S. patent application Ser. No. ~~\*/xxx,xxx~~ 09/994,742 filed on even date herewith, entitled BINDING APPARATUS AND METHOD, naming Mario Litsche as inventor. A suitable closing device 90 is disclosed in U.S. patent application Ser. No. ~~\*/xxx,xxx~~ 09/994,743 filed on even date herewith, entitled APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR SEGMENTED BENDING OF WIRE BINDING ELEMENTS, naming Hans-Peter Wurschum as inventor. The contents of both of these applications are hereby incorporated by reference, as if set forth herein. In referencing these applications, it is not intended to limit the invention to the specific devices disclosed, since it is evident that numerous variations and additional embodiments are possible.